

RESOLUTION 57- 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OVERRULING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION THAT THE 1041 APPLICATION FILED BY TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC., WAS INCOMPLETE

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2025, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. ("Tri-State") submitted a 1041 permit application to the County for the Big Sandy to Badger Creek 230 kV Transmission Line Project (the "Application");

WHEREAS, at its meeting on May 19, 2025, the Washington County Planning Commission (the "Commission") reviewed the Application and determined the Application to be incomplete and adopted Resolution 25-2022 at its meeting on April 21, 2025 formalizing that decision;

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2025, Tri-State provided a response to the Commission which the Commission reviewed at its August 18, 2025 meeting;

WHEREAS, the Commission, after considering Tri-State's response determined that the Application was still incomplete and adopted Resolution 2-2025 at its meeting on September 15, 2025 formalizing that decision;

WHEREAS, Tri-State filed a timely appeal of the Commission's decision pursuant to Sec. 2.104 of the County's 1041 Regulations to the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board");

WHEREAS, the Board held public hearings on November 6 and November 12, 2025 to consider the appeal; and

WHEREAS, after hearing public testimony, Tri-State testimony, and considering documentation submitted by Tri-State, the Board desires to overrule the decision by the Commission as provided in this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners finds as follows regarding the three basis outlined in Tri-State appeal:

1. Tri-State provided a list of landowners along with "Access Permission" forms to survey landowner properties for the transmission line. These forms and surveys which encompass 100% of the project allow for compliance with Section 3.402(2) of the 1041 Regulations.

2. Tri-State has submitted a Wildfire Prevention and Suppression Plan outlining fire prevention and safety protocols implemented during construction and

maintenance activities, supplementing those described in the Application, Section 5.4.9. The plan addresses incident response. An evacuation plan is not warranted because the proposed route is located in sparsely populated area and is at least a quarter mile from any residence.

3. The Application, including Tri-State's Environmental Protection Measures (Appendix D), Tri-State employs a tailored, site-specific approach to reclamation. Best management practices are applied in collaboration with landowners to maximize restoration outcomes. The Board would further request that Tri-State collaborate with the County's conversation district on best practices for reclamation and restoration.

4. With the submission of the items described in #2 and #3 above, Tri-State has met the requirements of Section 3.402(9) of the 1041 Regulations.

Section 2. Based upon the findings above, the Board overrules the decision of the Commission finding the Application to be incomplete and the Commission is further directed to hold a public hearing on the Application at their next regular meeting in December 2025.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, COLORADO

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Attest:

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